

Minutes of the meeting of BICC Executive Committee held on Monday September 28, 1970 at BICC Headquarters.

ATTENDEES

William Wilson
Henry Boardman
Pedro Iglesias
Roland Stewart
Ralph Grebow
George Birmingham
Charles Garrison
Richard Proctor
Stanley Osowski

C.T. Pinckney
Marshall Wolf
Dennis McCarthy
John Burton
John Maguire
Joseph Partenheimer
Julius Foster
Marvin Greenberg
Barbara Parker

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by co-chairman Marshall Wolf, followed by introduction of Mr. Ralph Grebow, of Riker, Danzig, Scherer & Brown. Mr. Grebow will be BICC's new legal counsel, replacing Irvin Booker.

CONSORTIUM:

Mr. Stanley Osowski informed the committee that the consortium contract was not ready yet. Seven of the 12 companies have signed and he expects the rest to sign by the end of the week. Of the 12 companies involved there is a total of 70 jobs. Hopefully the consortium contract will be submitted by the end of October. BICC's role would be training and testing, the Chamber would handle administration, which would consist of 1 bookkeeper and 1 clerk, there is not enough money to hire anyone else beyond that. The Cleff System could also be used to evaluate the trainees. Funds to run the consortium will be coming from the Dept. of Labor's "Job 70 Program", which is a NAB program.

It was determined however, that BICC would take no further action, or take an active role until a contract was shown. The consortium discussion was tabled until next month's meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

George Birmingham reported that as of the end of Sept. and the first of Oct. the Chamber will be 4 months behind in reimbursements. We have received monies for April & May, we have not received June & July, and we are now asking for August & September. Mr. Birmingham also reported BICC was close to the end of the line of Foundation Funds. He also informed the committee he would holding off paying all bills except salary until he has submitted his financial statement. It was requested by Mr. Birmingham that Mr. Wolf contact the Chamber to speed up possible reimbursement.

SEED REPORT:

Joseph Partenheimer, now vice chairman of SEED reported that the Dept. of Community Affairs was now funding SEED. Mr. Pinckney submitted a report at SEED's last meeting on how many people are in training, how many have graduated, how many will be taking training, and how many will have completed training by the time the present money runs out. Some very good programs are slated to start this month, and will continue after the money runs out. There is hopes of re-funding from Model Cities, who requests that the people be better trained since they are the ones who will be hiring them. Peter Barno has resigned, and William Blakely is now chairman. Mr. Partenheimer, Mr. Ruff, and Mr. Blakely are signers of all SEED's checks.

Mr. Birmingham informed the committee that SEED owed the BICC \$4,000 which was loaned to them during their interim period, and that the money should be repaid. It was not determined whether the the \$4,00 was a loan, underwriting or a gift. It was decided however, that a letter be sent to SEED Inc. requesting the repayment of the money. Mr. Partenheimer was asked if SEED would be receptive to BICC having members on their board. The business community has 6 of the 11 votes and should have 2 more members on the board. Richard Proctor was asked to represent BICC. It was also decided that since BICC was a co-sponsor of SEED, Mr. Pinckney should attend the BICC Executive Meetings and submit a monthly report. Mr. Partenheimer said the future of SEED depends on the attitude and desire of Model Cities.

Richard Proctor informed the committee he was now in charge of Personnel & Training for Model Cities, with Jessie Jones as his assistant.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Pedro Iglesias who is working with the Spanish-by lingual speaking community reported he was having trouble recruiting people. His help consisted of a welfare receptionist and a welfare youth, who are helping him gather data on the unemployed. Mr. Partenheimer informed Mr. Iglesias that Etnia Insurance Company is looking for Spanish speaking insurance salesmen, and clerks. The man to contact is Jim Dieman, 494 Broad St. tele # WA-4-1900.

THRUST of BICC:

Will be a renewed alliance with Urban League, to continue to work with Automatic Data Processing with computer matching from funds requested of the Schumann Foundation in the amount of \$45,000 (one third of the required \$135,000), and to continue forums on up-to-date issues. The Foundation has been requested to fund for next year, a management assistant, 2 camps, and the computer program.

MEMBERSHIP & CONSULTATION:

William Wilson presented the committee with an outline breaking down the attendance of member companies. It was reviewed from the BICC By Laws, that the committee was responsible for the continued growth of BICC. There are 350 individuals on our mailing list and 92 companies. Forty three haven't attended a general meeting in 2 years. It was concluded that many large companies don't know what BICC is all about. Mr. Wilson said we should re-establish our role with companies by sending a letter to the presidents asking "Are you in plans for progress", and letting them know what an affirmative action program is. We could also offer the companies a valuable check list for attracting, and retention of new people or companies. New names and prospective companies could be taken from the Chamber's roster with their permission and from William Mercer who has started an inventory of community groups. Mr. Wilson will continue to purge the BICC's mailing list and submit a final report at next month's meeting, with the help of Joseph Partenheimer, Julius Foster and Marvin Greenberg.

TRAINING COMMITTEE

To be activated, a meeting will be called for the committee to sit down and explore the possibility of orientations, and seminars.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Gateway-Newark Airport Action Committee: A meeting was held with Norman Kranzdorf of the Food Fair Properties, a meeting which was to be kept quiet and under control until subsequent efforts were made. Unfortunately news of the meeting was released to the press. Mr. Stewart is hopeful that the Gateway and Downtowner people will attend a meeting scheduled for October 5th. Mr. Stewart asked that a motion be made to give him power to negotiate with the top people of these projects, representing BICC's executive committee. A position paper submitted by Mr. Stewart to the committee was accepted, along with the feeling that at this point BICC should remain loose. Mr. Stewart was asked if any rapport was being developed with Port Authority and Gateway. He responded, that BICC played a part in developing dialogue and establishing a spirit of cooperation. A new set of ground rules has been made, plus involvement to this extent that the GNAAC has sought a meeting with the Port Authority commissioners. It was suggested that a telegram be sent to Port Authority and Gateway showing a sense of urgency and unhappiness with the progress of their actions.

AMBULANCES

The South Side First Aid Squad is operating at full force. The Dayton & Central Squads are to be informed they must be operational by the end of the year, or their ambulances will be re-assigned. Insurance for Dayton Squad has been suspended until they are operational.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Next meeting October 26, 6:00 p.m. at BICC Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted by:

Barbara Parker
Secretary